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Via Certified Mail & Email (edwin_muniz@fws.gov)

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United State Fish & Wildlife Service
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Re: Phase I Closure Cap - 3 Acres Municipality of Culebra Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Facility

Dear Mr. Muñiz:

The Municipality of Culebra respectfully requests your endorsement and comments for the above referenced project. Our project team goal is to fully comply with any applicable requirements from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act and the Endangered Species Act.

Based on our preliminary assessment for the proposed closure activities, the proposed project shall be improve the current environmental condition for the area. The proposed closure cap is to be built on top of the current solid waste disposal areas that have been used for solid waste disposal purposes for over thirty years.

Summary Description of Proposed Project

The proposed project consists of the construction of a landfill closure cap for the westernmost part of the existing municipal solid waste landfill facility. The municipal solid waste landfill facility is located on Km. 2.3 off State Road PR-251. This facility has been in operation for over 30 years and properly planned and designed closure activities are of utmost importance for the proper management of a solid waste disposal facility.

A location map and aerial photo are included as **Attachments A & B** of this letter.

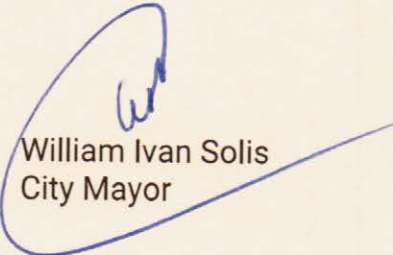
In summary, this project will include the construction of the following closure cap components from bottom to top:

24 to 36 inches of earthen material (Clay cap or similar to be approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Puerto Rico
6 inches of topsoil
Native vegetation / grass
Passive gas vents
Stormwater management channels, down chutes and berms
Stormwater management pond
Erosion control best management practices
Replacement / improvements to perimeter security fence
New small office building at the facility entrance

As previously mentioned on this letter, this project is of utmost importance to our administration as we believe that the planned closure cap is the most responsible manner to improve the current facility and its nearby environment. The current facility has been in operation since the eighties decade and our administration believes that its properly planned closure cap shall be a priority for all related agencies.

Should you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience via phone (939-640-3788) or email (alcaldecu2013@gmail.com).

Regards,



William Ivan Solis
City Mayor

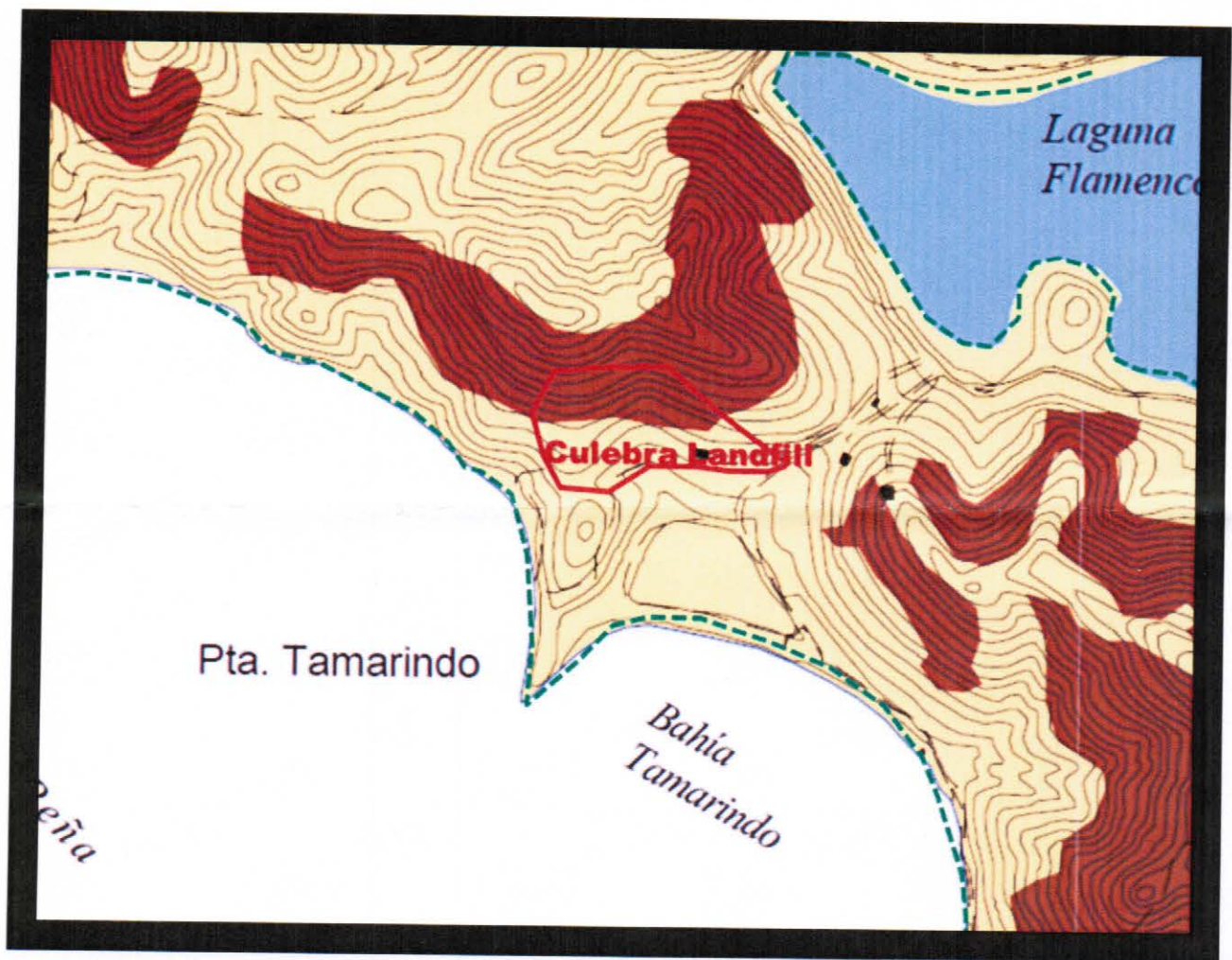
Attachment A - Location Map
Attachment B - Aerial Photo



Based on the information provided, project nature and site Characteristics, we determined that the project proposed would not result in effects to listed species or designated critical habitat. Therefore, no consultation pursuant section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, is required.

Reviewer: [Signature] Date: 11/01/2018
Caribbean ES Field Supervisor Date: 11/1/2018

Attachment A - Location Map



Attachment B - Aerial Photo

Phase 1 Closure Cap - Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Culebra, PR

